of the 8th Plan in large systems in urban areas and practically on demand in rural areas.

(c) 54 telephone connections have been allotted in Ranchi on out of turn basis since 1.4.1988.

(d) 182 temporary telephone connections have been sanctioned since 1.4.1988.

Irregularities Regarding Deposit from Municipal Corporation Fund

435. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Accountant of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi had pointed out irregularities regarding deposit of Rs. 24 crores from Municipal Corporation's funds in a subsidiary of the State Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this was done in violation of the MCD resolution of 1970 that "The surplus money standing at the credit of any of the accounts of the Municipal funds etc. be deposited in equal share in nationalised bank only"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that a sum of Rs. 20.26 crore was deposited in the State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk Branch by the Municipal Corporation with the approval of the Commissioner on 4.4.1990 from the G.P. Funds for a period of one year. On maturity, the sum of Rs. 23 crore was reinvested in the same bank under orders of the Chief Accountant on 4.4.1991 for a period of 3 months. The deposit was renewed for a period of 3 months under order of the Commissioner on 4.7.1991. The investment was renewed for a further period of 3 months under orders of the Commissioner on 4.10.1991 in the same bank. The then Chief Accountant claimed that the amount was being kept by the State Bank in a subsidiary company. This claim was refuted by the bank which confirmed in writing that the deposits were kept in the State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk branch. No irregularity was committed in depositing the fund in State Bank of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Replacement of Minorities Commission by Human Rights Commission

436. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a demand to replace Minorities Commission by Human Rights Commission; and

(b) if so, whether this demand is under consideration of Union Government and the time bound programme to arrive at a decision?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. It is proposed to give statutory status to the Minorities Commission.

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437. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: